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OKAY-- NIGHTMARE PLANET-- GOT IT--
--NOT THAT I WAS EXPECTING A WARM WELCOME, BUT THIS IS SERIOUS--
YAWP
--WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
I WARNED YOU. DR. NIGHTMARE IS A LEGITIMATE THREAT.
BUT I'VE DEALT WITH HIM BEFORE.
WAIT-- WHAT'RE YOU DOING--?!
JUST TAKE THE HELM, JONNY--
--I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.

WHEN THE QUEST FAMILY WAS SUMMONED TO THE NEVADA DESERT TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBLE EXISTENCE OF ALIEN TECHNOLOGY, THE RESULT WAS A TELEPORTATION MISHAP THAT SENT JONNY AND HADJI TO THE FAR REACHES OF OUTER SPACE, WHILE THE HEROIC TEENS JAN AND JACE WERE DEPOSITED ON EARTH. EACH DUO ENCOUNTERED THE OTHER'S CLOSEST ALLIES, WHICH PLACED JONNY AND CO. UNDER THE STRICT TUTELAGE OF NONE OTHER THAN THE LEGENDARY SPACE GHOST!
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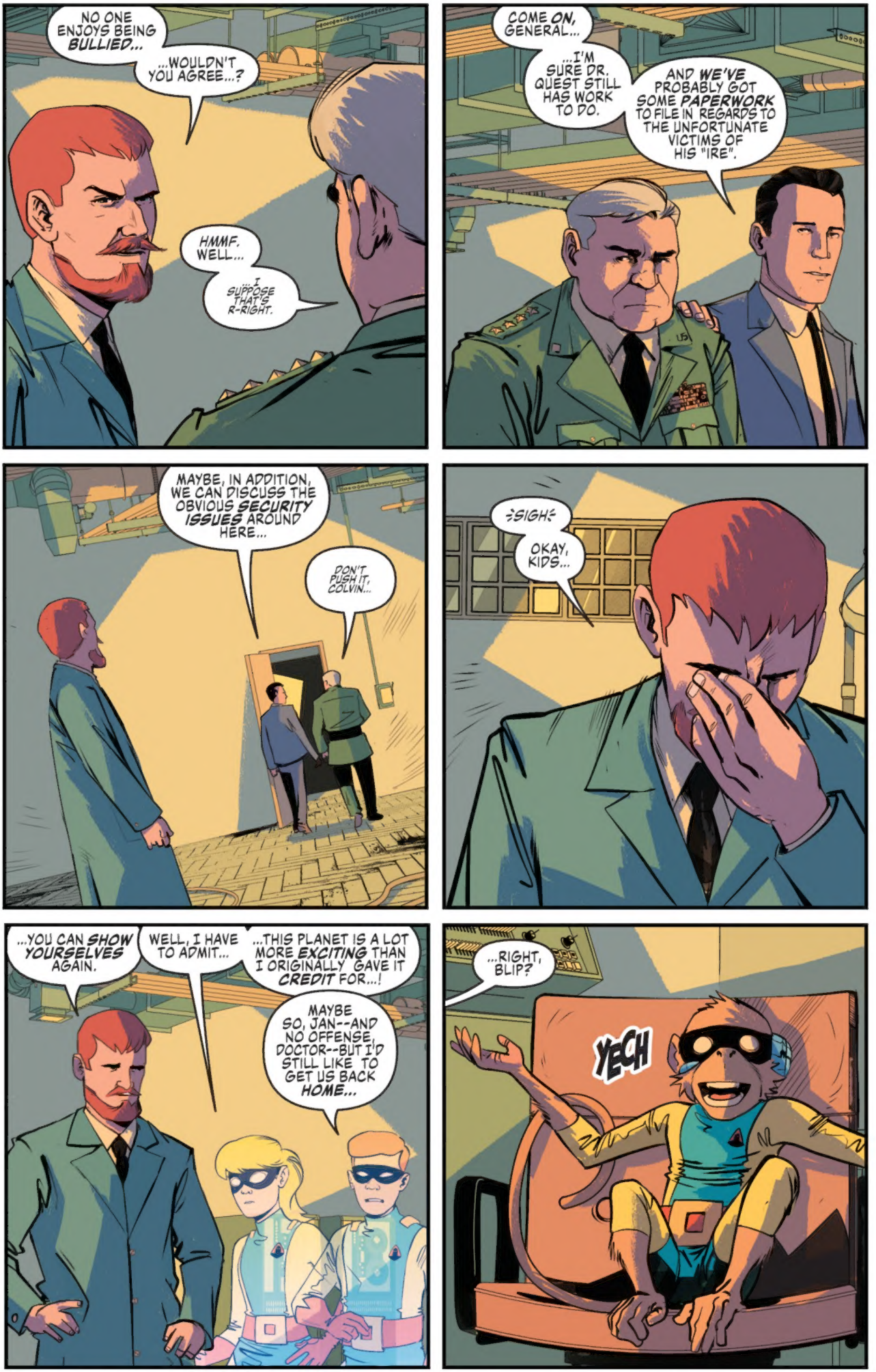
EEyYYEEE--!
RRROOOWWLLF
HANG ON, GUYS!
TRYING TO KEEP US AIRBORNE--
"--AND I'M SURE SPACE GHOST HAS THINGS WELL IN HAND?!"
WHERE'S RACE WHEN YOU NEED HIM?!
HE'D KNOW EXACTLY HOW TO FLY THIS THING--
--'CAUSE I SURE DON'T!

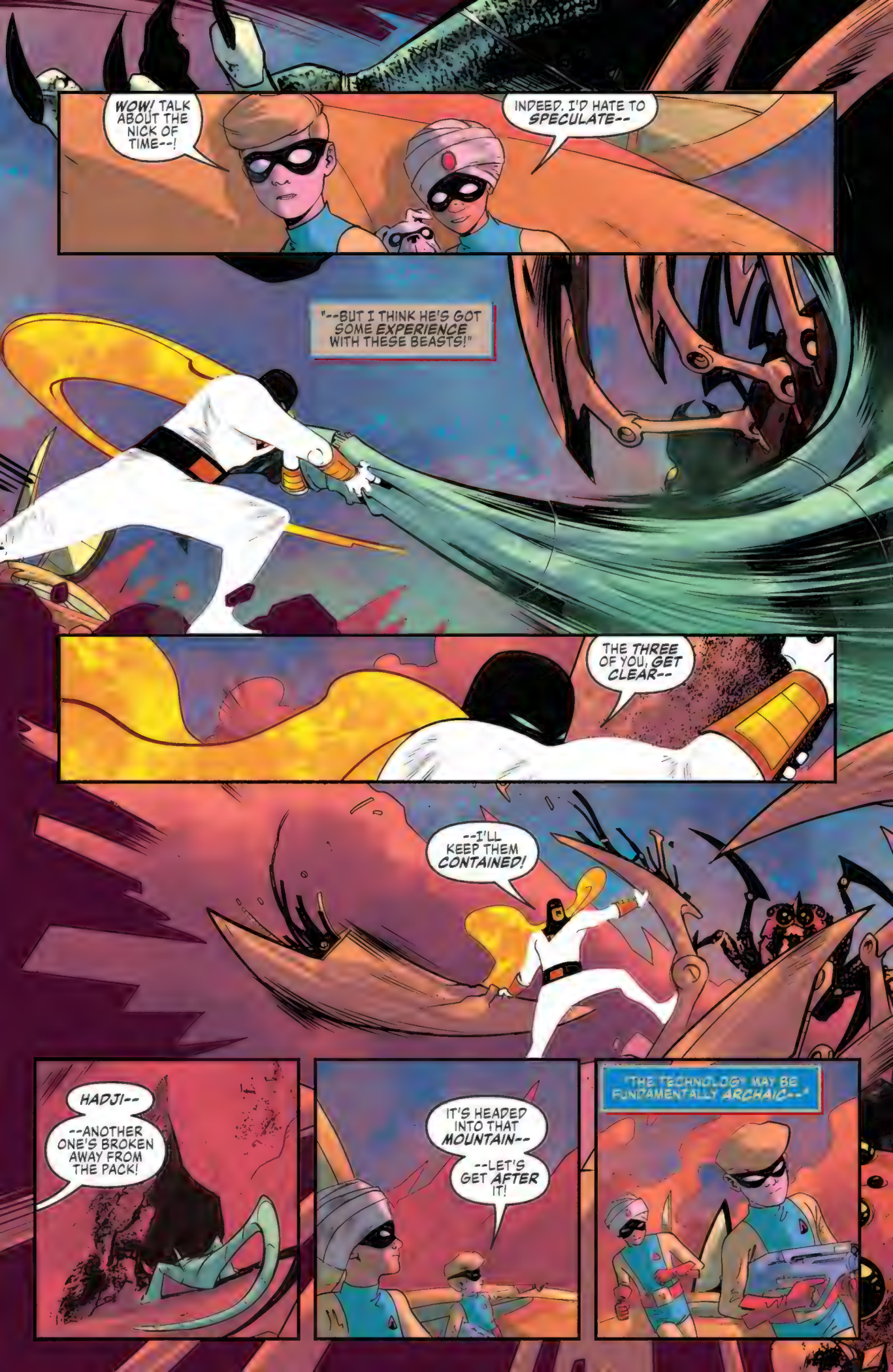
THAT DIVE IS WAY TOO SEVERE.
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME--
--TRY AND FOCUS. BRING THE NOSE UP.
T-TRYIN' TO...!
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE, JONNY--
--BUT I DOUBT WE'RE OUT OF DANGER!
C'MON, HADJI! I'M SURE WE'RE BETTER OFF...
...DOWN HERE...?
UH OH.
OKAY, THIS IS THE KIND OF THING THAT DEFINITELY MAKES ME HOMESICK...!

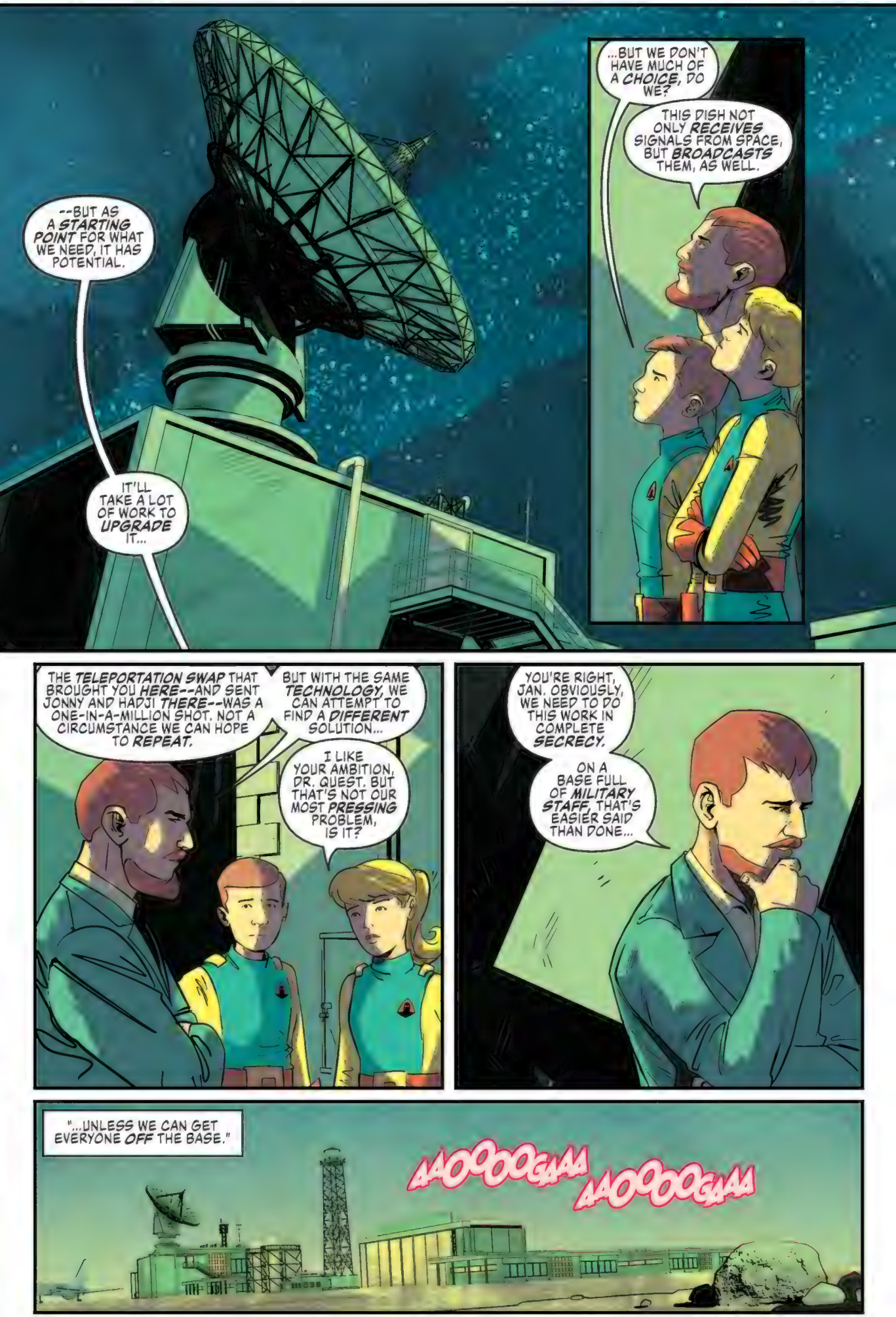
NEVADA:
SO LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT, QUEST--
--THESE INTRUDERS BARGED IN HERE, ARMED TO THE TEETH, LOOKING FOR... WHAT?!
ANYTHING THEY COULD PROFIT FROM, I'D IMAGINE. IS THERE ANY OTHER SENSIBLE EXPLANATION...?
AND YOU TOOK CARE OF THEM?!
ALL BY YOURSELF?!
WELL, GENERAL... DESPITE YOUR LIMITED OPINION OF ME, I SUPPOSE WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN...I'M FULLY CAPABLE OF DEFENDING MY COUNTRY.
AND IF MY IRE IS SUFFICIENTLY RAISED...
...I CAN GET QUITE EMOTIONAL, AT TIMES.


NO ONE ENJOYS BEING BULLIED...
...WOULDN'T YOU AGREE...?
HMMF. WELL...
I SUPPOSE THAT'S R-RIGHT.
COME ON, GENERAL...
...I'M SURE DR. QUEST STILL HAS WORK TO DO.
AND WE'VE PROBABLY GOT SOME PAPERWORK TO FILE IN REGARDS TO THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF HIS "IRE".
MAYBE, IN ADDITION, WE CAN DISCUSS THE OBVIOUS SECURITY ISSUES AROUND HERE...
DON'T PUSH IT, COLVIN...
=SIGH=
OKAY, KIDS...
...YOU CAN SHOW YOURSELVES AGAIN.
WELL, I HAVE TO ADMIT...
...THIS PLANET IS A LOT MORE EXCITING THAN I ORIGINALLY GAVE IT CREDIT FOR...!
MAYBE SO, JAN--AND NO OFFENSE, DOCTOR--BUT I'D STILL LIKE TO GET US BACK HOME...
...RIGHT, BLIP?
YECH

JONNY!
WE'RE GETTING SWARMED DOWN HERE--!
GGGRRRR
AAAHHHH--
--WHA--?!
CHECK IT OUT, HADJI--
--LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
JUST IN TIME, TOO!
AND LET US HOPE...
"... THAT SPACE GHOST IS HAVING EQUAL SUCCESS!"

THESE THING'RE STILL COMING--
--I BET THIS'LL KEEP 'EM BACK--!
WATCH IT, GUYS!
ONE GOT THROUGH--
--MOVE IT!
HEADS DOWN, BOYS--
--I'VE GOT IT!


WOW! TALK ABOUT THE NICK OF TIME--!
INDEED. I'D HATE TO SPECULATE--
"--BUT I THINK HE'S GOT SOME EXPERIENCE WITH THESE BEASTS!"
THE THREE OF YOU, GET CLEAR--
--I'LL KEEP THEM CONTAINED!
HADJI--
--ANOTHER ONE'S BROKEN AWAY FROM THE PACK!
IT'S HEADED INTO THAT MOUNTAIN--
--LET'S GET AFTER IT!
"THE TECHNOLOGY MAY BE FUNDAMENTALLY ARCHAIC--"


--BUT AS A STARTING POINT FOR WHAT WE NEED, IT HAS POTENTIAL.
IT'LL TAKE A LOT OF WORK TO UPGRADE IT...
...BUT WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE, DO WE?
THIS DISH NOT ONLY RECEIVES SIGNALS FROM SPACE, BUT BROADCASTS THEM, AS WELL.
THE TELEPORTATION SWAP THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE--AND SENT JONNY AND HADJI THERE--WAS A ONE-IN-A-MILLION SHOT. NOT A CIRCUMSTANCE WE CAN HOPE TO REPEAT.
BUT WITH THE SAME TECHNOLOGY, WE CAN ATTEMPT TO FIND A DIFFERENT SOLUTION...
I LIKE YOUR AMBITION, DR. QUEST. BUT THAT'S NOT OUR MOST PRESSING PROBLEM, IS IT?
YOU'RE RIGHT, JAN. OBVIOUSLY, WE NEED TO DO THIS WORK IN COMPLETE SECRECY.
ON A BASE FULL OF MILITARY STAFF, THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE...
"...UNLESS WE CAN GET EVERYONE OFF THE BASE."
AAOOOOGAAA
AAOOOOGAAA

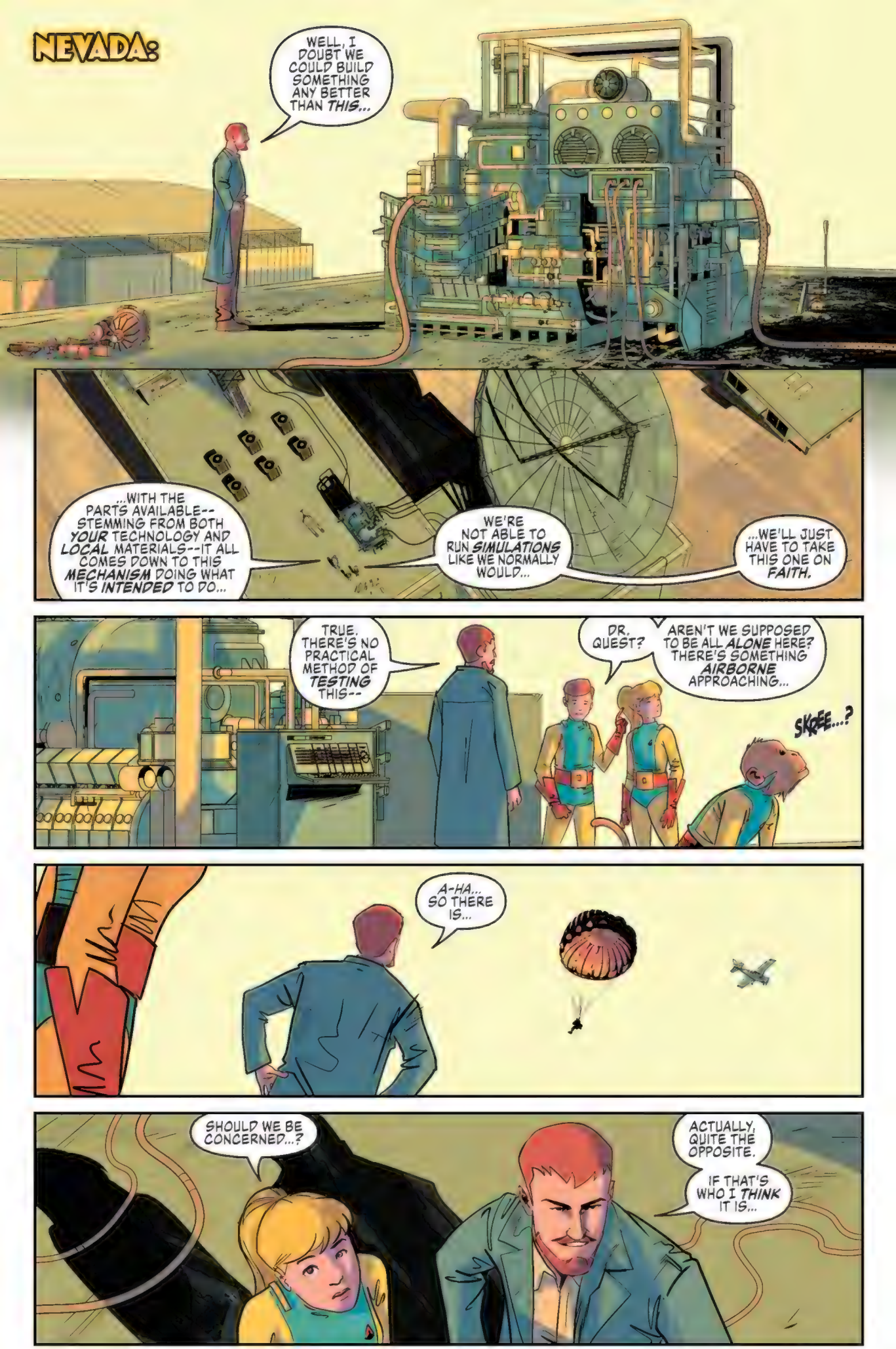
AAOOOGAAA
ATTENTION ALL BASE PERSONNEL! WE HAVE A CONTAMINATION ALERT--
A RADIATION LEAK OF INDETERMINANT ORIGIN!
ALL PERSONNEL ARE TO EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY!
GENERAL! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT--?!
YOU HEARD THE MAN! SOMETHING IS CONTAMINATING THE ENTIRE BASE!
AND I'VE GOT A PRETTY GOOD IDEA WHAT--!
--EVACUATION PROTOCOLS ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT!
STATUS REPORT, QUEST--
--WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?!
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE, GENERAL!
CLEARLY THIS SO-CALLED SPACECRAFT IS VENTING SOME SORT OF NOXIOUS SUBSTANCE--
--AND I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO STOP IT!
DEAR GOD--THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT THAT STUFF IS!
WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND, DR. QUEST...?
I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE A CHOICE...
"...YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE THE BASE!"

I DEFINITELY HAD QUEST ALL WRONG!
THE FACT THAT HE'S WILLING TO STAY BEHIND AND TRY AND DEAL WITH THE LEAK ON HIS OWN...
...THAT'S REAL AMERICAN HERO BEHAVIOR RIGHT THERE!
INDEED IT IS.
LET'S JUST HOPE HE'S NOT MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE...
WELL...
...THAT WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN I EXPECTED.
FAKING A LEAK AND HACKING THE FACILITY'S SENSOR SYSTEMS WAS GOOD IDEA...
THEY ALL SURE BOUGHT IT! THESE EARTHLINGS CAN BE PRETTY GULLIBLE...
...RIGHT, BLIP?
GEEEK
I'LL TRY NOT TO TAKE THAT PERSONALLY, JACE...
OBVIOUSLY, YOU'RE NO AVERAGE EARTHLING, DOCTOR. AND NOW WE'RE READY FOR PHASE TWO OF OUR PLAN...
THEN LET'S GET TO WORK!
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE JONNY'S GOT HIMSELF INTO...!

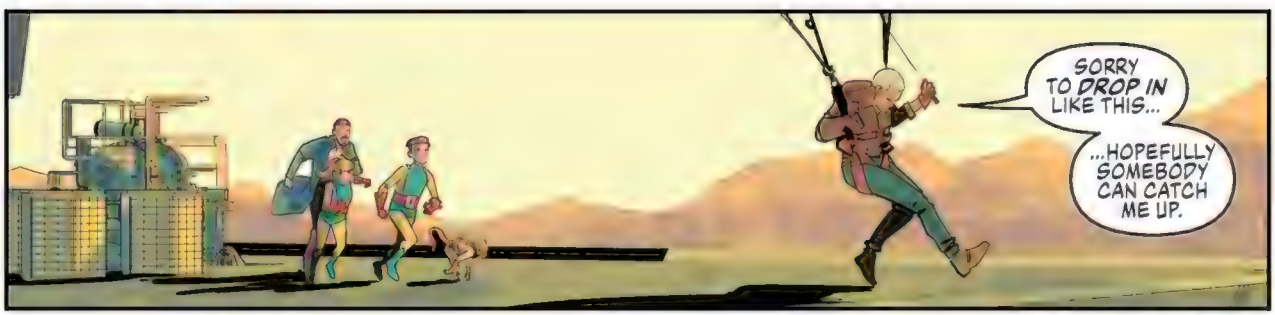
WITHIN THE NIGHTMARE PLANET:
OKAY, I'M STARTING TO THINK THIS WASN'T THE GREATEST IDEA I'VE EVER HAD...!
GRRRRR--?
YOU DON'T SAY...
...BUT REMEMBER WE HAVE INDIGENOUS TECHNOLGY THAT CAN POSSIBLY EVEN THE ODDS...!
RIGHT...
...WE'VE GOT INVISO-POWER!
YOU CAN DO IT, TOO, BANDIT...
DON'T BE SCARED. THIS DOESN'T HURT A BIT.
YELP?!
DOES ANYONE ELSE FEEL WEIRD IN THIS STATE...?
TRANSCEND YOUR IMMEDIATE PHYSICAL PERCEPTIONS.
I SENSE WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK TO CONFRONT THE INFAMOUS DOCTOR NIGHTMARE...
WE NOW STAND ON THE PRECIPICE OF A NEW ERA OF TERROR!

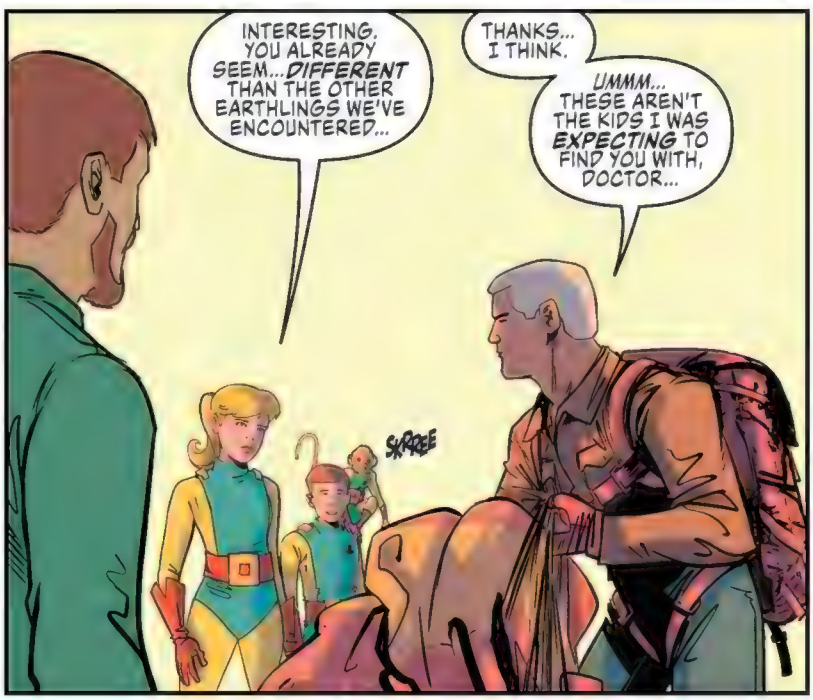
MY GREATEST EXPERIMENT WILL SOON BE UNLEASHED UPON AN UNSUSPECTING UNIVERSE!
THE GALACTIC FEDERATION WILL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SUBJUGATED BY A HIGHER POWER! LET THEM CHOKE ON THEIR OWN ARROGANCE!
AN ALL-NEW ARRAY OF NIGHTMARE CREATURES WILL TEAR THROUGH THE FABRIC OF THEIR FRAGILE SOCIETY AND BRING CHAOS IN THEIR WAKE!
ALL ASSEMBLY LINES ARE STANDING BY, DOCTOR.
THEY HAVE BEEN RETOOLED FOR MASS PRODUCTION.
MY PRIMARY TARGET IS CETIA-7--THE GALACTIC FEDERATION HOMEWORLD!
YOU WORKER DRONES WILL PERFORM YOUR DUTIES TO PERFECTION--
--OR SUFFER MY RIGHTEOUS WRATH!
SKRREEEEE--
I WILL NOT BE DENIED!
ANGRY DESPOTS ARE THE SAME EVERYWHERE, AREN'T THEY...?
WELL, THIS IS ONE DESPOT THAT'S NOT GONNA GET THE CHANCE...
...WE'LL TAKE HIM EASY.
SESNOR ALERT! INTRUDER PRESENCE CONFIRMED!
WHAT--?!
WHO DARES TO INFILTRATE MY PRIVATE TECHNO-SANCTUM?!

I GUESS WE DO.
GGGRRRRR
MORE OF SPACE GHOST'S CHILD SOLDIERS?!
IS HE SO FEARFUL OF MY POWER THAT HE REFUSES TO FACE ME HIMSELF?! HOW PATHETIC--!
WHATEVER YOU SAY. JUST HOLD THAT POSE...
UH OH.
I THINK THIS THING IS OUT OF AMMO...!
INCONVENIENT TIMING, TO BE SURE...
...SORRY I'VE GOTTA DO THIS--
ENTITLED BRATS! YOUR INSOLENCE ONLY SERVES TO FUEL MY RAGE!
TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INDULGE FINAL THOUGHTS OF HOME--
--BEFORE YOU DIE AT MY HAND!


NEVADA:
WELL, I DOUBT WE COULD BUILD SOMETHING ANY BETTER THAN THIS...
...WITH THE PARTS AVAILABLE--STEMMING FROM BOTH YOUR TECHNOLOGY AND LOCAL MATERIALS--IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS MECHANISM DOING WHAT IT'S INTENDED TO DO...
WE'RE NOT ABLE TO RUN SIMULATIONS LIKE WE NORMALLY WOULD...
...WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE THIS ONE ON FAITH.
TRUE. THERE'S NO PRACTICAL METHOD OF TESTING THIS--
DR. QUEST?
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE ALL ALONE HERE? THERE'S SOMETHING AIRBORNE APPROACHING...
SKREE...?
A-HA... SO THERE IS...
SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED...?
ACTUALLY, QUITE THE OPPOSITE.
IF THAT'S WHO I THINK IT IS...

"...OUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS MIGHT'VE JUST DOUBLED."


SORRY TO DROP IN LIKE THIS...
...HOPEFULLY SOMEBODY CAN CATCH ME UP.


INTERESTING. YOU ALREADY SEEM...DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER EARTHLINGS WE'VE ENCOUNTERED...
THANKS... I THINK.
UMMM... THESE AREN'T THE KIDS I WAS EXPECTING TO FIND YOU WITH, DOCTOR...
SKREEE

DON'T WORRY, RACE. I'LL FILL YOU IN.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, YOU PICKED A STRANGE TIME TO TAKE SHORE LEAVE. AS FOR JONNY AND HADJI...

"... LET'S JUST SAY THEY'RE ELSEWHERE."
I'M HERE TO BRING FORTH A NEW NIGHTMARE!
YOU TWO SHALL BEAR WITNESS TO MY MOST TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED TRIUMPH!
THE PINNACLE OF MY TWISTED GENIUS--
--MY ULTIMATE WEAPON!
ARE YOU... SEEING WHAT I'M SEEING, HADJI...?
ABSOLUTELY.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN--
--IT'S BIG.

WATCH IT--!
YALP
YES!
THIS HOW YOU CONQUER A UNIVERSE--
--ONE DEATH AT A TIME!
ONE... DEATH...?
H-HADJI...?
HANG IN THERE, JONNY!
I THINK THE TIDE IS ABOUT TO TURN--

SPACE GHOST!
YOU KNEW IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME, NIGHTMARE!
SO IF IT'S WAR YOU WANT--
--THEN LET'S WAGE ONE RIGHT HERE AND NOW!
WAR...?
FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE ARRIVED HERE--
--I'M NOT SURE WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT HOME!
THE COSMIC SAGA CONCLUDES NEXT ISSUE!

ANOTHER HANNA-BARBERA CLASSIC IS BACK ON THE FOUR-COLOR PAGE! WRITER JIMMY PALMIOTTI BREAKS IT DOWN!

***The Blue Falcon & Dynomutt* is one of the most iconic Hanna-Barbera shows, and we're excited to bring it back to comics. Similar to some of our other H-B titles — like *Space Ghost* — this classic series also follows a superhero arc, which makes it a natural fit for the medium. What history do you have with watching this goofy duo's original adventures?**

I was 15 at the time, and I remember watching them as part of a Saturday morning group of cartoons. I always thought they were silly fun, nothing ever too heavy, and they felt a lot like H-B's version of Batman with a dog sidekick that happens to be a robot. When I was offered this series from Dynamite, I had to go back and watch the cartoons again, and yeah, they were not the deepest story-wise, but there was a joy that the two main characters had and a connection between them that I thought would be a good story element to explore. Remember, our memories of things when we were young stay with us forever!

The show originally kicked off with Dynomutt leading the way in both the title and being more of the focus in the stories, although the second season switched to the shared title that our series is also using. What is your approach in writing the series and balancing these two characters? Is it a 50/50 share, or are you putting a bit more of the spotlight on one or the other?

I can relate more to Blue Falcon, and he is front and center in the story with Dynomutt starting off as a real dog rather than the mechanical mutt we see in the cartoons. This is not the origin of Blue Falcon, but a story about a man and his dog and their connection throughout a major event in both their lives — things happen that cause Radley to depend on the technology he created to help him out of his situation. By the end of the book, it becomes more 50/50 for both characters, but number one for me in writing this series is that it has to be fun — well, my version of fun anyway. I will say that some of it is much darker than people might remember, but it makes sense to the characters. I updated the world around them a bit for sure.

It sounds like you're taking a whole new spin on the world of Big City and the origins of Radley Crown and his faithful canine companion, which the original show barely touched on. How would you compare the tone you're going for with the more lighthearted original cartoon?

My take is not lighthearted, story-wise, but it has its moments where fun and humor are part of their lives, like they are for anyone, no matter how heavy things get. This series is all about relationships — the main one involving our characters, the love life of Radley Crown, and even the villain's relationship with the world. I always try to answer two simple questions with a new series: What do the characters want, and what do they fear? The answers are all here within their adventure together. I think this book will appeal to the diehard *Dynomutt* audience as well as anyone giving it a shot for the first time.

Pasquale Qualano is joining you for this series as your artistic companion in crimefighting. How is the collaboration going, and what's it been like seeing his pen bring your action-packed scripts to the page?

I always find it difficult to work with someone I haven't worked with before, and the cool part of diving right into this with Pasquale is that I am getting to watch him not only nail it, but also seeing how he gets better with each issue. His evolution in this book is really fun to watch as he starts to make Big City and its inhabitants live and breathe on the page. He has quite the future ahead of him! I am not always the easiest writer to deal with, I know, and he is doing a terrific job. Just wait till you see issue #3 — so impressive!

***The Blue Falcon & Dynomutt* were also famous for initially sharing a programming block with Scooby-Doo and his gang, and even featuring in multiple crossover episodes. Do you think that famous crew could fit into the vision you've built up for this series?**

I think it's an easy fit, especially with the world we are setting up in this series. Those kids and their Mystery Machine would fit right into Big City and the things going down in it! Radly is quite the businessman and inventor, so I think a trip investigating an insurance scam involving a crooked Big City politician haunting city hall would be a no-brainer. I also think Scooby and Dynomutt would be sniffing butts and getting along in no time.

NEXT ISSUE

A GHOST OF A CHANCE!

After evading an entire battalion of security at Area 51, Dr. Quest, Race Bannon, Jan, and Jace finally figure out how to get a signal through to Space Ghost. The good news is that the Guardian of the Spaceways is able to use it to open a portal that takes the Phantom Cruiser back to Earth. The bad news is that the portal also brings one of Dr. Nightmare's mechanical beasts with it!

Grown-up adventurers JOE CASEY and SEBASTIAN PIRIZ pull out all the stops for the thrilling finale of their cosmos-spanning crossover in Space Ghost/Jonny Quest: Space Quest #4 - commemorated by carefully curated covers from MARK SPEARS, JOSHUA MIDDLETON, DERRICK CHEW, BEN OLIVER, and CHAD HARDIN!

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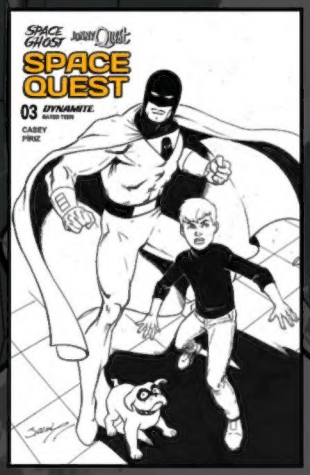

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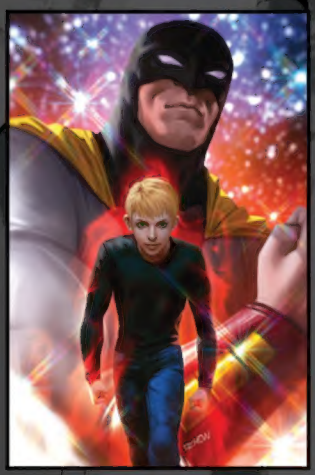

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